

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 13-14, have been cancelled. Claims 12, 15-16, 19-41 and 46-54 remain in the application. Further examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Schterman. Applicants have cancelled claim 10 to further issuance of the allowed claims.

On Page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12 and 53 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Futhey et al. Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 13 which was objected to but indicated as allowable if placed in independent form. Claim 53 depends from claim 12 and is believed patentable based at least on the patentability of claim 12, as amended. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) and allowance of claims 12 and 53 are respectfully requested. Claim 13 has been accordingly cancelled.

On Page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moss et al in view of Brake. On Page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 USC 103(a) as above and further in view of Potekev. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9 to further issuance of the allowed claims.

On Page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moss et al. and Brake and further in view of Anderson. Applicants have cancelled claim 14 to further issuance of the allowed claims.

On Page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 13 but indicated it would be allowable if placed in independent form with all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. As stated above, Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 13 and cancelled claim 13. On page 6, the Examiner indicated that

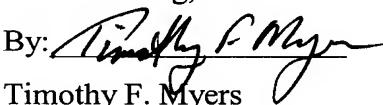
claims 11, 15, 16, 19-41, 46-52, and 54 were allowable. Applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for these indications of allowance.

Applicants believe their claims as amended are patentable over the art of record, and that the amendments made herein are within the scope of a search properly conducted under the provisions of MPEP 904.02. Accordingly, claims 12, 15-16, 19-41 and 46-54 are deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefore.

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